

# NATIONAL EPA-TRIBAL SCIENCE COUNCIL

## Conference Call Roll Call and Key Discussion Points Monday, October 19, 2015 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. EDT

### Roll Call

#### *Tribal Caucus*

- ☐ Region 1: TBD
- ☒ Region 2: Neil Patterson (Tuscarora Nation)
- ☐ Region 4: Katie Tiger (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians)
- ☐ Region 4 *Alternate*: Gintautas Zavadzkas (Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida)
- ☒ Region 5: Jeffrey Mears (Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin)
- ☒ Region 6: Curtis Munoz (Kiowa Tribe)
- ☒ Region 7: Denise Jensen (Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska)
- ☐ Region 8: Mike Durglo (Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes)
- ☐ Region 8 *Alternate*: Scott Clow (Ute Mountain Ute Tribe)
- ☒ Region 9: Carley Whitecrane (Karuk Tribe)
- ☐ Region 10: LeeJuan Tyler (Shoshone Bannock Tribes)
- ☒ Region 10 *Alternate*: Kelly Wright (Shoshone Bannock Tribes)
- ☐ Region 10 (Alaska): Orville Huntington (Tanana Chiefs Conference)

#### *EPA Caucus*

- ☐ Region 1: Robert Hillger
- ☐ Region 2: Kai Tang
- ☒ Region 4: Tom Baugh
- ☒ Region 5: Carole Braverman
- ☐ Region 6: Mark Allen
- ☒ Region 7: Brenda Groskinsky
- ☒ Region 7 *Alternate*: Amber Tucker
- ☒ Region 8: Patti Tyler
- ☐ Region 9: Destinee Cooper
- ☒ Region 10: Lon Kissinger
- ☐ AIEO: TBD
- ☐ OAR: Adam Baumgart-Getz
- ☐ OCHP: Ted Coopwood
- ☒ OEI: Beth Jackson
- ☒ OCSPP: Karen Hamernik
- ☐ ORD: David Jewett
- ☒ ORD: John McKernan
- ☒ OSWER: David Charters
- ☒ OW: Felicia Wright

#### *Support Personnel*

- ☒ Monica Rodia, TSC Executive Secretary
- ☒ Fred Hauchman, OSP
- ☒ Ed Washburn, OSP
- ☐ Mary Allen, Support Contractor (SCG)
- ☒ Kristen LeBaron, Support Contractor (SCG)

#### *Other Attendees/Invited Speakers*

- ☒ Ken Bailey
- ☒ Cynthia McOliver

### Action Items

1. Tribal Caucus members who are attending the face-to-face meeting should submit their travel preference forms to Monica Rodia as soon as possible.
2. Mary Allen will contact the meeting hotel to ensure that the room block is identified as “National EPA-Tribal Science Council Meeting.”
3. Tribal Caucus members will determine two or three priority discussion areas for the “Short-Term Tribal Research Priorities and Other Tribal Science Issues” session at the face-to-face meeting.
4. TSC members who have ideas or topics for future webinars in the EPA Tribal Science Webinar Series will contact Monica Rodia or Cynthia McOliver.

## **Key Discussion Points**

### ***Meeting Minutes***

- The August and September TSC calls have been finalized and distributed to the members.

### ***Tribal Caucus Report Out***

- Tribal Caucus met on October 15, 2015.

### ***EPA Caucus Report Out***

- Fred will meet with EPA Caucus members in small groups by region and program offices to discuss recommendations to ensure each member is committed and contributes to an invigorated TSC. He would like to have these discussions prior to the face-to-face meeting so that he can present any resulting ideas.

### ***Fall 2015 TSC Face-to-Face Meeting***

- Currently, the hotel is identifying the room block for the face-to-face meeting as “The Scientific Consulting Group, Inc.” Mary will contact the hotel to ensure that the room block is identified as “National EPA-Tribal Science Council Meeting.”
  - Beth Jackson provided an overview of the current agenda that the Agenda Development Team has developed, which includes caucus meetings, a discussion of the TSC operating structure, sessions devoted to citizen science and tribal research priorities/science issues, and an action session to plan future TSC activities.
  - The TSC discussed possibilities for the citizen science session.
    - Jeff Mears serves on the National Advisory Council on Environmental Policy and Technology (NACEPT), which has been charged with exploring citizen science. Jay Benforado indicated to Jeff that he is available to speak to the TSC about citizen science. Ultimately, Jeff would like input from the TSC about citizen science (what works, what does not and why) so that he can inform NACEPT’s work.
    - Ed Washburn, who is involved in a citizen science project in Alaska (the Local Environmental Observer Network, or LEO, which owes its infrastructure to the Indian General Assistance Program), is available to answer any questions Jeff may have.
    - The citizen science discussion could focus on current citizen science activities and future opportunities to engage with tribal partners on citizen science.
    - Jeff stressed that tribal governments and tribal environmental programs need to be institutionalized and included in EPA’s and other federal agencies’ citizen science efforts.
    - The citizen science session on Day 2 of the agenda could be devoted to case studies.
  - A webinar could be held prior to the face-to-face meeting to provide updates about ORD’s restructured research programs, including the Tribal Research Centers or Centers of Excellence.
  - Patti Tyler suggested The Center for the Native Environmental Health Research Network ([nehr.skf.edu](http://nehr.skf.edu)) as another topic for discussion.
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- The action session on Day 3 should be expanded to include development of a communication plan, including addressing previous TSC communication shortcomings and developing a TSC document approval process.
- Themes are needed for Days 1 and 2; TSC input is encouraged.

#### ***Announcements***

- OW has been developing a white paper regarding tribal climate change concerns related to water resources and tribal impacts. The document examines tribal actions to develop adaptation and mitigation plans as well as the funding sources that tribes have been obtaining to implement these plans. The goal is to provide a summary to help a tribal audience to determine current actions, activities and funding. OW would like the TSC to review and provide input on the document, which may be ready prior to the TSC's November teleconference. (Refer to white paper attached).
- Cynthia McOliver provided an update about the kickoff of the ORD Tribal Science Webinar Series that was held the prior Tuesday (October 13). The first speaker, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, discussed ethnobotany and traditional ecological knowledge. There was a great deal of interest, with more than 200 attendees. Cynthia welcomed input from the TSC regarding future tribal environmental science topics for the webinar series.

#### ***Next TSC Teleconference***

- The next TSC teleconference will be held on November 16, 2015, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. EST.